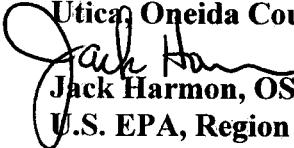


**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION REPORT**

**I. HEADING**

**Date:** April 20, 1998

**Subject:** Bossert Manufacturing Site  
Utica, Oneida County, New York

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**POLREP NO. 23**

**II. BACKGROUND**

|                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Site No.:</b>            | S7                  |
| <b>Delivery Order No.:</b>  | 2101-02-010         |
| <b>Response Authority:</b>  | CERCLA              |
| <b>ERNS No.:</b>            | N/A                 |
| <b>CERCLIS No.:</b>         | NYD002249563        |
| <b>NPL Status:</b>          | Non-NPL             |
| <b>Action Memo Status:</b>  | Approved on 9/26/97 |
| <b>Start Date:</b>          | 9/30/97             |
| <b>Demobilization Date:</b> | N/A                 |
| <b>Completion Date:</b>     | N/A                 |

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### III. SITE INFORMATION

#### A. Incident Category

CERCLA incident category: Inactive Production Facility

#### B. Site Description

The Bossert Manufacturing Site (site) is an abandoned production facility located at 1002 Oswego Street in the City of Utica, Oneida County, New York. The Bossert facility was used for the stamping, weldment, and fabrication of sheet metal items such as brake backing plates and steel floor grates from 1896 until the mid-1980's. During its operation, PCB oils were utilized in transformers and in hydraulic presses used in the manufacturing process. As a result of past manufacturing practices and salvage operations at the site, interior surfaces on floors and walls of the facility, as well as machinery and other structures within the building, became contaminated with PCBs.

CERCLA funds have been activated to abate the threat to public safety and the environment. Activity will include the off-site disposal of approximately 3,500 cubic yards of PCB contaminated debris, asbestos abatement, decontamination of mechanical and hydraulic presses, and the partial demolition of a building.

For a more detailed description, see Polrep No. 1 (Initial).

### IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

#### A. Situation

##### 1. Removal Actions to Date

3/16/98 - 3/27/98: ERRS continued to decontaminate scrap metal with a high temperature pressure washer. Clean scrap metal was placed into roll-off dumpsters for salvaging. During this work week, one roll-off dumpster of scrap metal was shipped off site for salvaging to recover funds which will be readministered into the ERRS project ceiling. See VII. SALVAGEABLE MATERIAL for an updated table of scrap metal salvaged and funds recovered.

ERRS concentrated their efforts on making structural repairs in the Press Room. These repairs were based upon recommendations made after a structural evaluation conducted during the week of March 12th. These repairs will ensure a safe working environment during upcoming work proposed in the Press Room.

**The United States Coast Guard - Atlantic Strike Team mobilized on March 16th and thru March 30 conducted ERRS contractor monitoring, health & safety oversight and technical assistance support during the absence of the START contractor.**

**3/30/98 - 4/17/98:**

**In preparation to the next phase of the removal action i.e., off-site disposal of ACM debris from a collapsed area off Oswego Street, the ERRS contractor cleared and grubbed trees, brush and vegetation. This area will allow for spotting roll-off containers and allow access for heavy equipment that will be used to load-out the ACM debris.**

**On April 16, three roll-off boxes of PCB contaminated debris totalling 75 cubic yards were transported off site and disposed of at a permitted landfill. To date, 67 roll-off boxes of with a combined volume of 1,620 cubic yards have been shipped off the site.**

**ERRS continued to place scrap metal into roll-off dumpsters for salvaging. During this reporting period, three roll-off dumpster of scrap metal was shipped off site for salvaging to recover funds which will be readministered into the ERRS project ceiling.**

**2. Enforcement**

**The PRP Search for the site has been initiated and enforcement efforts are continuing.**

**B. Planned Removal Actions**

**ERRS will continue transportation and disposal of PCB contaminated debris, kiln dust, and carbon powder on a as need basis. ERRS will also continue fine sweep/clean the Trimmer Room floor and conduct structural repairs as necessary. Also, scrap metal will continue to be decontaminated using a high temperature pressure washer.**

**C. Key Issues**

**N/A**

**V. COST INFORMATION AS OF APRIL 20, 1998 \***

|   |           |                  |
|---|-----------|------------------|
| <b>ERRS Contractor</b>                    | <b>\$</b> | <b>2,847,288</b> |
| <b>START Contractor Costs</b>             |           | <b>167,510</b>   |
| <b>Intramural Costs</b>                   |           | <b>280,113</b>   |
| <b>USCG-AST</b>                           |           | <b>3,811</b>     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                              | <b>\$</b> | <b>3,298,722</b> |
| <b>Project Ceiling</b>                    | <b>\$</b> | <b>5,990,000</b> |
| <b>Percent of Project Funds Remaining</b> |           | <b>55.1%</b>     |

\* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

**VI. DISPOSITION OF WASTES**

| <b>Wastestream</b>  | <b>Medium</b>                       | <b>Quantity</b>       | <b>Containment-Migration Control</b> | <b>Treatment</b>  | <b>Disposal</b>                                 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| <b>PCB (UN3077)</b> | <b>Debris</b>                       | <b>1,620 cu. yds.</b> | <b>Consolidated &amp; Covered</b>    | <b>Landfilled</b> | <b>Chemical Waste Management Model City, NY</b> |
| <b>PCB (UN2315)</b> | <b>Kiln dust &amp; spent carbon</b> | <b>~ 425 tons</b>     | <b>Consolidated &amp; Covered</b>    | <b>Landfilled</b> | <b>Chemical Waste Management Model City, NY</b> |

**VII. SALVAGEABLE MATERIAL**

| <b>Material</b>    | <b>Quantity</b>    | <b>Funds Recovered</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Scrap Metal</b> | <b>126.62 tons</b> | <b>\$ 7,873.53</b>     |

\* This table will be updated as recovered funds are received from Universal Empire Salvaging Company.